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1. Construction work on the airfield near Mahsiang (118-14, 24-40)* was actively in progress for over 50 days by about 50,000 civilian laborers. Although the field was scheduled for completion by the end of August, only ground work and the removal of nearby civilian buildings has been finished. On 8 September there were only a few soldiers guarding the field, and no civilian laborers were present.**

2. The airfield at Chinchiang (118-34, 24-54)*** was under construction for about two weeks before work was stopped on 1 September. By 9 September only the northwest corner of the field had been leveled, the remainder of the field being covered with thickets. There were no civilian laborers or Chinese Communist troops in the area.

3. The airfield at Nanan (118-31, 24-56) Hsien**** was under construction for about 20 days before work was suspended on 2 September. There are no civilian workers or Chinese Communist troops at the field.

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halting of airfield construction at Mahsiang and Chinchiang (see paragraph 2 of the present report) prior to 5 September 1950.

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